

Savoir faire in our own fair city! Residents of Lawrenceburg and the surrounding community don't have to travel to large cities to enjoy cultural events; these can be found right here at home!

Many community organizations in Lawrenceburg are working to bring residents and tourists cultural events to enjoy - all family-friendly - and to encourage development of Arts & Culture in the community. Lawrenceburg's Creative Arts Center is located next to the historic Crockett Theatre, just off the square in downtown Lawrenceburg.



Lawrenceburg's art deco Crockett Theatre was built in 1950, complete with a custom-laid terrazzo lobby floor, and is one of the few theatres from this era still operating in the United States. It is listed on the National Historic Registry and has been lovingly refurbished by the Crockett Theatre Board.

Groups such as The Singing Carter Family with Mother Maybelle and the Carter girls have graced its stage. Reel-to-reel features such as *Gone with the Wind*, *Smokey and the Bandit*, and Elvis movies have entertained full houses. Many a child growing up in Lawrenceburg fondly remembers being on stage at the Theatre for dance recitals, band competitions, and other community events. Today, the stage is named to honor the work of Emmy Award-winning actor Michael Jeter, a native of Lawrenceburg, TN. It is actively used by for performances and conferences.

Come to historic downtown Lawrenceburg to enjoy your choice of arts and events, then browse the Square for antique shops, stores, and restaurants that you won't find anywhere else!

Note: Both the Crockett Theatre and the Creative Arts Center may be reserved for special events and receptions\*.

### Special Events

**Performance Series** - Each year, the Creative Arts Center, the Theatre Board, and the Chamber of Commerce collaborate to arrange a series of special musical performances to please every palate! The lineup often includes the Nashville Symphony Orchestra and

has featured the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra, the Peasall Sisters, and many more talented performers. The Theatre was recently the site of a program honoring the work of Hollywood actor and Lawrenceburg native Michael Jeter.

Community Theatre - Lawrenceburg has an active and talented Community Theatre Board that produces plays throughout the year, including a Christmas play.

**An Art Affair** - MainStreet sponsors an annual arts event on the Lawrenceburg Square. Features include sculpture, painting, pottery, hands-on children's projects, plus musicians, dancers, puppeteers, mimes, and other attractions. The museums are open for public tours on that day, also. This is fun for family members of all ages.

**James D. Vaughan Southern Gospel Festival** - Lawrenceburg is the birthplace of Southern Gospel music and home of the famous James D. Vaughan School of Music. The Southern Gospel Festival, sponsored by Lawrenceburg's MainStreet organization, is held annually in the Crockett Theatre and attracts visitors from across the South. The Festival features Lawrenceburg's own ambassadors of Southern Gospel music, The Kellys!



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